

ARGUMENTS/COMMENTS

Claims 1 through 14 and 16 through 20 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 15 is canceled.

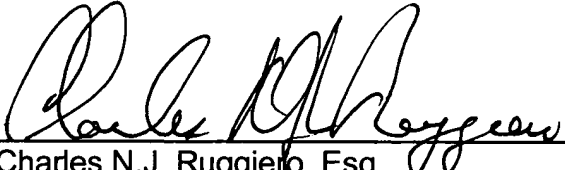
Applicants sincerely appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 1 through 14 and 16 through 20.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,174,217 to Judson (hereinafter "Judson"). Claim 15 is canceled rendering the rejection thereto moot in order to expedite the allowance of the allowed claims into a patent. However, Applicants reserve the right to again submit this claim in a continuation application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited. Accordingly, entry and consideration of the instant amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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